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TAGS: CDES, TW (PIRTLE, AMBROSE W.)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMBROSE PIRTLE

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR FATHER AMBROSE WILLIAM PIRTLE. AUTHORITIES AT THE UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, TAIPEI, INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT TAIPEI ON AUGUST 3, 1976, OF HIS DEATH OF AN APPARENT HEART ATTACK ON AUGUST 2, 1976, TAIPEI.
 2. YOUR RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY HIS REGISTRATION CARD ON FILE AT THE EMBASSY.
 3. THE EMBASSY WILL TAKE CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.
 4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR FATHER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO THE PORT OF ENTRY ON THE WEST COAST WOULD COST \$1,200.00. ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION CHARGES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES CANNOT BE PREPAID AND MUST BE BORNE BY THE RECEIVING FUNERAL HOME. IT COSTS APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO SHIP REMAINS FROM THE WEST TO THE EAST COAST. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT TO THE
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U.S. WOULD COST ABOUT \$250.00 LIKEWISE, CREMATION AND

LOCAL BURIAL WOULD COST ABOUT \$250.00 MORE. IF CREMATION IS DESIRED, A NOTARIZED STATEMENT FROM THE NEXT-OF-KIN AUTHORIZING THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, TAIPEI, TO MAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED AND SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE AMERICAN SERVICES UNIT, CONSULAR SECTION AMERICAN EMBASSY, TAIPEI, TAIWAN, REPUBLIC OF CHINA. LOCAL BURIAL IS EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE AND DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE DUE TO LACK OF BURIAL SPACE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. ASSUMING A FINAL REST SPOT CAN BE FOUND, THE COST WOULD BE \$2,500.00 MINIMUM AND POSSIBLY CONSIDERABLY MORE. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, TAIPEI, TAIWAN, REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

B. TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS AT TAIPEI, TAIWAN, REPUBLIC OF CHINA MADE PAYABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, TAIPEI.

C. IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S. YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 331-3551 IN TAIPEI.

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8. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

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